

Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action mailed on April 15, 2008

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the current Abstract in its entirety and substitute therefor the enclosed New Abstract.

NEW ABSTRACT

A method and system for anonymously and opportunistically tracking the location of a portable device in a wireless infrastructure are included an installed infrastructure having fixed stations primarily installed as wireless information access points. Standard communication between user devices and fixed stations is according to a short range radio protocol such as ZigBee in which the devices are assigned unique identifiers. In an exchange, the identifier is correlated with location, time and date data and uploaded via a backchannel connection to a database which a user may connect with at a later time. The user, knowing his device's identifier, can therefore access the data to determine where his device last interacted with a fixed station.